

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—REMOVAL OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

S. J. R. No. 8

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the governor to remove appointed officers with the advice and consent of the senate; and allowing the governor to call a special session of the senate for this purpose.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article XV of the Texas Constitution be amended by adding Section 9 to read as follows:

"Sec. 9. (a) In addition to the other procedures provided by law for removal of public officers, the governor who appoints an officer may remove the officer with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the members of the senate present.

"(b) If the legislature is not in session when the governor desires to remove an officer, the governor shall call a special session of the senate for consideration of the proposed removal. The session may not exceed two days in duration."

Sec. 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 4, 1980. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the governor to remove appointed officers with the advice and consent of the senate."

Adopted by the Senate on May 14, 1979: Yeas 24, Nays 1; adopted by the House on May 24, 1979: Yeas 123, Nays 16, two present not voting.

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Filed with the Secretary of State, May 28, 1979.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—FARM AND RANCH REAL ESTATE—GUARANTEE OF LOANS

S. J. R. No. 13

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the guarantee of loans used to purchase farm and ranch real estate for qualified borrowers.

Section 1. That Article III of the Texas Constitution be amended by adding Section 50c to read as follows:

"Sec. 50c. (a) The legislature may provide that the commissioner of agriculture shall have the authority to provide for, issue, and sell general obligation bonds of the State of Texas in an amount not to exceed \$10

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million. The bonds shall be called 'Farm and Ranch Loan Security Bonds' and shall be executed in such form, denominations, and on such terms as may be prescribed by law. The bonds shall bear interest rates fixed by the Legislature of the State of Texas.

"(b) All money received from the sale of Farm and Ranch Loan Security Bonds shall be deposited in a fund hereby created with the State Treasurer to be known as the 'Farm and Ranch Loan Security Fund.' This fund shall be administered without further appropriation by the commissioner of agriculture in the manner prescribed by law.

"(c) The Farm and Ranch Loan Security Fund shall be used by the commissioner of agriculture under provisions prescribed by the legislature for the purpose of guaranteeing loans used for the purchase of farm and ranch real estate, for acquiring real estate mortgages or deeds of trust on lands purchased with guaranteed loans, and to advance to the borrower a percentage of the principal and interest due on those loans; provided that the commissioner shall require at least six percent interest be paid by the borrower on any advance of principal and interest. The legislature may authorize the commissioner to sell at foreclosure any land acquired in this manner, and proceeds from that sale shall be deposited in the Farm and Ranch Loan Security Fund.

"(d) The legislature may provide for the investment of money available in the Farm and Ranch Loan Security Fund and the interest and sinking fund established for the payment of bonds issued by the commissioner of agriculture. Income from the investment shall be used for purposes prescribed by the legislature.

"(e) While any of the bonds authorized by this section or any interest on those bonds is outstanding and unpaid, there is hereby appropriated out of the first money coming into the treasury in each fiscal year not otherwise appropriated by this constitution an amount that is sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds that mature or become due during the fiscal year less the amount in the interest and sinking fund at the close of the prior fiscal year."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on November 6, 1979, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the guarantee of loans for purchase of farm and ranch real estate for qualified borrowers by the sale of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas."

Adopted by the Senate on March 26, 1979: Yeas 23, Nays 7; Senate concurred in House amendments on May 11, 1979: Yeas 25, Nays 3; adopted by the House, with amendments, on May 9, 1979: Yeas 107, Nays 28, one present not voting.

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